

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2002  
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Selectmen convened in a special session at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the Chenery Middle School. All members were in attendance. The Board met with the Board of Assessors to consider tax classification and residential exemptions for the purpose of setting the FY 2003 tax rate. A publicly noticed hearing was convened to consider these tax issues.

The Board of Assessors recommended that the Town not classify its tax rate disproportionately between residents and business, and adopt a uniform system of classification.

The Board moved: to approve a uniform method of classification for FY 2003.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Assessors recommended that the Town not adopt residential exemptions.

The Board moved: to not adopt residential tax exemptions for FY 2003.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Assessors reviewed the final assessed values and other budgetary factors resulting in a FY 2003 tax rate of \$10.78.

The Board reviewed with the Board of Assessors their interest in working cooperatively to enact reasonable tax relief for needy senior citizens.

**Other**

The Board considered a request by Cindy Taylor to conduct a charitable fund-raising walk on public ways in the Town on Sunday, October 6, 2002.

The Board moved: to approve the charitable fund-raising walk on public ways on Sunday, October 6, 2002.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board reviewed a letter from various residents on Brettwood, Pierce and Hastings Roads relative to traffic safety. The residents requested support of House Bill 4318, allowing more municipal discretion for establishing speed limits.

The Board moved: to support the House Bill 4318.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board of Selectmen convened in a joint session with the Warrant Committee and School Committee.

The Board moved: to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective

bargaining and litigation.

The motion passed unanimously in two separate votes (3-0), each by roll call vote. The Board shall return to open session.

The Board re-convened in open session and remained in session during the entire Warrant Committee meeting.

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Melvin A. Kleckner, Town Administrator  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen